

# JOB ROLE

# WASTE WATER OR WATER PLANT OPERATOR

## LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- > Projected change of +4.2%
- > From 23,500 in 2023 to 24,500 in 2028

## AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



**Entry level**  
(1-3 years' experience)



**Senior**  
(8+ years' experience)

## WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



### SPECIALISED SKILLS

- > Waste Management
- > Water Treatment
- > Use of Skid Steer Loaders and Forklift Trucks
- > Dangerous Goods/Hazmat Transport

### EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- > Effective Communication
- > Strong Work Ethic
- > Mechanical Aptitude
- > Time Management
- > Record Keeping

## EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



### TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- > Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Water Services
- > Manufacturing

### TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYERS WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- > SA Water
- > Treasury Wine Estates

### YOU MIGHT CONSIDER UNDERTAKING STUDY TO TRANSITION INTO THESE RELATED JOB ROLES:

- > Water Treatment Plant Operator
- > Water Treatment Specialists



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- > Environmental Engineer
- > Industrial Engineer



## QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

**Looking to progress your career?** TAFE SA can help you further your study with these courses (\*fees may apply)

- > Certificate III in Water Industry Operations (Networks) (NWP30222)
- > Certificate III in Water Industry Operations (Wastewater Treatment) (NWP30222)
- > Certificate III in Water Industry Operations (Water Treatment) (NWP30222)

Or undertake a range of short courses to supplement your existing knowledge or continue upskilling.

Further information available on the TAFE SA website.



## NETWORKING WITH INDUSTRY

Networking with industry provides you with opportunities to gain employment, advance your career and stay current with industry changes.

Conferences and workshops are an excellent way to introduce yourself to key industry contacts.

Follow these organisations on social media:

- > Treatment Plant Operator
- > Australian Water Association

Consider these opportunities to find employment:

- > Send your resume to relevant businesses in your local area
- > Look for employment opportunities advertised on
  - the TAFE SA Jobs Board
  - online employment websites like Seek
  - the job board on your local Regional Development Australia (RDA) website



## CAREER SUPPORT

**Not sure where to start?** TAFE SA's Student Services can provide you with a range of career planning support including:

- > career planning
- > write a winning resume
- > how to respond to selection criteria
- > cover letters that stand out
- > preparing for job interviews

**To find out more, or to book an appointment, visit TAFE SA's Career Support Page: Career Support ([tafesa.edu.au](https://tafesa.edu.au))**

### Data sources:

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